

WSDOT I-5 Seattle & Shoreline Construction

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WSDOT crews are preparing for snowy conditions expected throughout the Puget Sound this afternoon. Major state roads are mostly bare and wet as crews continue to focus on trouble areas such as ramps, outlying state routes and some remaining icy spots while also putting down deicer in anticipation of further snowfall later today. WSDOT urges you to use extreme caution and begin planning your afternoon commute. Check your routes prior to travel and be prepared for significant delays.

How can you prepare?

- fill your gas tank before you leave this afternoon
- pack extra water and food in case you can't make it all the way home.
- consider leaving early or staying late to miss the rush home, especially if rush hour includes snow.

Where can you find the latest information on the highways you plan to travel?

- [Check the web](#) before you head out to get an accurate picture of conditions.
- [Visit our Highway Weather Update web page](#) for the most updated information on all roads across Washington State.
- Call 5-1-1 from any phone to get timely traffic and weather updates. If you're on the road, have a passenger call.
- You can also [view our traffic page](#), including mountain pass reports, on your cell phone or PDA's

We're getting ready for viaduct construction

Construction of a replacement for the [SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct](#) is just a few years away, and we are working now to develop strategies to keep people and goods moving and keep downtown open for businesses, residents, and tourists. WSDOT and the City of Seattle this year released [documents that outline potential strategies](#) that range from a new off-ramp from the Spokane Street Viaduct, to expanding existing park-and-ride lots. We're continually analyzing these strategies, and in early 2007 we will release a draft plan to manage traffic during construction. We are looking for [your comments](#) on whether these ideas are helpful or if there are other ideas we should consider.

I-5 commuters experience longest peak period congestion in Puget Sound region

Earlier this month we released our annual congestion report. The data shows that I-5 corridor commuters, north from Federal Way and south from Everett, generally continue to experience the longest peak period congestion. We're moving forward with construction projects to expand capacity, like the [I-5 NE 175th to NE 205th project](#), completed earlier this year, which relieves a notorious bottleneck problem on I-5 in Shoreline.

Are morning or evening commutes worse? What happens when HOV lanes get too popular? Learn the answers to these questions and more in our [annual congestion report](#).

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